

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO DEBRA GLENN

HON. ARTUR DAVIS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 1, 2004

Mr. DAVIS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay honor and tribute to an outstanding member of our community. Mrs. Debra Glenn has been a driving force and an inspiration for the Expanded Food and Nutrition Program ("EFNP") in Alabama for the past 3 decades. Through Mrs. Glenn's tireless efforts, EFNP has been a mainstay in providing self-sufficiency and empowerment tools for individuals actively seeking to break the chains of poverty. Mrs. Glenn, who was inspired herself while attending the program growing up in Birmingham's Housing Projects, recalls, "Every week, I learned simple, affordable recipes that I'd take home and prepare for my mother and brothers." Mrs. Glenn goes on to say, "Those classes opened the door to a lifetime of self-sufficiency and empowerment." Empowered to succeed, Mrs. Glenn earned her degree in elementary education from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Armed with her degree, she became an administrator with the Birmingham VA Medical Center's Health Care System.

A stalwart in the community, Mrs. Glenn is actively involved in many community programs, including but not limited to Children's Hospital Volunteer Program, Chaplain of Heart Matters, Inc., Prison Fellowship Ministries, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Mrs. Glenn's fervent commitment to championing causes of those less fortunate than her clearly demonstrates the qualities that have made this country strong and continues to make her community proud. While sharing her story during a listening session at the National Association of Family and Consumer Sciences ("NAFCS") in Kansas City, Kansas (October 2002), community leaders from across the country were moved by her (Mrs. Jones) unwavering resolve to provide a better life for those populations that have been underserved.

Mrs. Glenn recalls having a strong community driven mentor as she was growing up. "Mrs. Helen Tibbs-Wilson, retired Extension Agent from Alabama, gave me inspiration and educational instruction I needed to be successful in life. She (Mrs. Wilson) was one of the catalysts God provided to inspire me." Accordingly, Mrs. Glenn continues to give back in the same way. Mrs. Glenn has been an indispensable resource for the Alabama Cooperative Extension System and she will be truly missed. Her commitment, energy and efforts will not soon be replaced.

Mr. Speaker, I stand today representing all those whose lives are richer for having known Mrs. Glenn, and to recognize her efforts and dedication to the community she loves on this second day of March, 2004.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRIS BELL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 1, 2004

Mr. BELL. Mr. Speaker, due to critical official business in the 25th Congressional District of Texas I was unable to record my votes Thursday, February 26, 2004. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Rollcall Vote No. 30, the Lofgren substitute amendment to H.R. 1997, and I would have voted "nay" on Rollcall Vote No. 31, the final passage of H.R. 1997.

TRIBUTE TO IRA RESNICK

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a valued member of my district, the late Ira Resnick. The city of Montclair recently experienced the loss of this dedicated public servant who devoted his professional life to serving his neighbors through community organizing.

As the chief operating officer at the Community Foundation of New Jersey, Ira worked to build the Neighborhood Leadership Initiative into a year-long, statewide training fellowship for community leaders.

He has also been involved with the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, the Indiana Citizens Action Coalition, the Paterson Interfaith Communities Organization, the United Passaic Organization, the Jewish Fund for Justice, the Neighborhood Small Grants Network, the Center for Social and Community Development of the School of Social Work at Rutgers University, and the National Housing Institute's Conference on Families and Civil Society.

My district is fortunate to have citizens such as Mr. Resnick, who quietly go about the work of improving the quality of life within our neighborhoods, seeking service rather than recognition, and accomplishment rather than reward.

My district will long be the beneficiary of his life of hard work and dedication to community values. I extend my sympathy and prayers to Ira's wife, Ellen, and to their two sons, Robert and Caleb; and I thank Ira for his years of service.

HONORING THE VASCULAR BIRTHMARK FOUNDATION

HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 1, 2004

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the House of Representatives, I would like to

take this time to honor an extraordinary organization. The Vascular Birthmark Foundation is dedicated to changing the lives of those children who were born with vascular birthmarks or tumors, such as hemangiomas and port wine stains.

Vascular birthmarks occur in approximately 40,000 children born annually. One in 10 children is born with a vascular birthmark; and of these children, one in 100 is born with a birthmark that will require the attention of a medical specialist.

Such a birthmark can have a huge impact on the life of the child and his or her family. Fortunately, the Vascular Birthmark Foundation exists to lend support and help to those affected.

The New York-based Vascular Birthmark Foundation promotes public awareness of vascular birthmarks, provides educational resources, funds research projects, and helps families and individuals receive the information and support they deserve.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing May 15, 2004, the National Vascular Birthmark Foundation Awareness Day.

SECOND HALF OF THE SPEECH BY DR. ARCH BARRETT

HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 1, 2004

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, today I am submitting for the record the second half of the graduation address given by Arch Barrett at the Naval Postgraduate School Joint Professional Military Education Course in June, 2003. I submitted the other half for the RECORD on February 24. I commend Arch's speech to all those with an interest in the founding of the Goldwater-Nichols legislation, and I am proud to enter it into the RECORD.

REFLECTIONS ON LEADERSHIP IN DEFENSE AND PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION REFORM

As you well know, White's retirement did not end Congress's involvement in correcting the problems Jones identified. A large part of the credit for keeping the issue alive and finally succeeding in enacting fundamental changes must be credited to the then little-known, and very junior, Representative from Missouri, Ike Skelton.

Congressman Skelton was about 50 years old at the time; he was and is, tall and slim, and has a studious air. He also has the gift of quickly conveying to even the briefest acquaintances his interest in, and respect for, them as human beings. An avid reader of military history, Skelton was one of the first members of Congress to grasp the significance of Jones' criticisms of the existing organization. Although he was not a member of White's subcommittee, Skelton probably attended more of the hearings than any member except White. He sat on the dais, listened to testimony, and patiently waited his turn to ask penetrating questions. In 1983, Skelton introduced his own legislation for revamping the Joint Chiefs of Staff. It was

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